

# **Town of Berwyn Heights**

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## Running for Town Council - What you need to know

#### **Eligibility**

You must be:

- US Citizen at least 18 years old.
- Duly registered to vote in Maryland or Town of Berwyn Heights.
- Town resident for at least 6 months prior to election date on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in May.

### Filing for Candidacy

Prior to filing deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in March:

- Secure signatures from 5 qualified voters in Town to support your candidacy.
- Complete financial disclosure form.
- File petition for candidacy and financial disclosure forms by deadline.
- Forms and instructions are available at Town Office, 5700 Berwyn Road, or Town website https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/town-council-elections.

#### **Campaigning**

- Town will publish your candidate profile (250 words) and photo in April Bulletin at no cost (submit by March 15).
- Town will host a candidate forum that is broadcast on BHTV (FiOS 12, Comcast 71) in April.
- You may distribute campaign materials and post your signs on private property, with permission of owner, 3 weeks prior to the election date.

#### **Election Day**

Polls open 7:00 am to 7:00 pm in Senior Center, 8603 57th Avenue

- You may campaign outside the polling station beyond a 50' distance from poll entrance.
- You may post your campaign signs on Town property, except within 50' of poll entrance.
- You may observe the counting of ballots after polls close.
- Preliminary results will be announced on election day after the ballots have been counted.
- A formal statement of election results will be delivered to the Mayor within 48 hours of the counting of ballots.
- Ballots, voter cards and statement of election results will be delivered to Prince George's County Board of Election for certification within 4 days of election day.

For more information please contact Town Clerk Melanie Friesen at mfriesen@berwynheightsmd.gov